



Reflections Art Program

2023-24 Theme: I am Hopeful Because...

The Reflections' Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. Students can use their creative talents to express themselves through original artworks to submit to the competition.

Entry Deadline: October 2023 Date TBD

Drop off the artwork with [entry form \(link to be added when form is available\)](#) attached before the end of the school hours at the Cedar Trails Main Office. All Cedar Trails participants will be recognized for their contributions at a reception and twelve finalists will be selected to represent Cedar Trails at the Issaquah School District level.

Program Details

A student may submit up to two entries in one category and submit entries for all six categories if they are feeling very creative! Only original works of art are accepted. To ensure your entry can move on to the higher levels please submit artwork that adheres to the rules and guidelines set forth by the program. Click on the links below for detailed information.

Special Artists

The Special Artist Division is a non-graded division limited to students whose physical, cognitive or mental health challenges meet the guidelines set forth in the American Disabilities Act. Qualifying students entering this division create their own artwork but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult. At the national level, one Special Artist from across all arts categories will be selected to receive an Outstanding Interpretation Award. Up to five additional Special Artists may be selected to receive national Awards of Excellence. Find out more info [here](#).

Judging

Twelve Cedar Trails Elementary finalists can be chosen to advance to the Issaquah District level. Students may submit up to one entry in each of the six categories.

Students will be judged in one of the following divisions:

- Primary: Pre-school – Grade 2
- Intermediate: Grades 3 – 5
- Special Artist: All ADA students

More information can be found at the WA State program website.

<https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>

The six art areas are:

- [Literature](#) -- works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.
- [Music Composition](#) -- original musical composition, with or without words.
- [Photography](#) -- prints can be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. They can be in color or black and white, including techniques: photogram, retouched, montage, sandwich and multiple exposure.
- [Visual Arts](#) -- drawing, painting in tempera, oil, acrylic, watercolor & t-shirt paints, computer generated art, two-dimensional collage, printmaking, needlework & leather tooling. A maximum finished size of 24x30 inches including matting.
- [Film Production](#) -- original works, with or without sound, of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or music video/film.
- [Choreography/Dance](#) -- originally choreographed dance composition.

Official Entry Form

Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. Please submit artwork that adheres to the following rules and guidelines.

[Download Student Entry Form here - *when available*](#)

Drop off by 4pm on October XX, 2023 in the Cedar Trails office. Each art project should be submitted with a completed entry form. Please take extra care when filling in the Title, Details, and Artist Statement portion.

Any questions or concerns may be emailed to the 2023/2024 Cedar Trails Reflections Program Chair, Amber Malmgren at reflections@cedartrailsptsa.org.

The annual Reflections theme is created by a student and selected two years in advance through the annual theme search contest. The 2023–2024 Reflections theme is "I am Hopeful Because..." submitted by Alice Meko from Hampton Cove *Elementary PTA* in Alabama.